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PRESS RELEASE

Save the Date: Sign Up for the 2023 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups

Commissioner Buckingham encourages volunteers to help keep Texas beaches beautiful

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AUSTIN — AUSTIN—Today, Texas General Land Office (GLO) Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. reminds all interested volunteers to sign up for the 2023 Texas Adopt-A-Beach (AAB) Winter Cleanups on Friday, February 3rd at South Padre Island and Saturday, February 4th at five locations across the Coastal Bend Area. "The responsible stewardship of Texas' land is one of GLO's top priorities, and the Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups provide us with an excellent opportunity to care for our coastline," said Commissioner Buckingham. "Through these cleanups, Texans and volunteers from across the nation are able to give back to our coastal communities, and I look forward to helping support Adopt-A-Beach events in the future."



Volunteers interested in participating can find information about registration and cleanup locations at the AAB <u>website</u> or show up on-site the day of to enjoy a morning filled with fun and service to the Texas coast.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes and to bring sunscreen, a hat, and plenty of drinking water. Volunteers may also want to download the <u>Clean Swell</u> app to track their efforts. Data submitted to the app is instantly uploaded to the Ocean Conservancy's global ocean trash database.

2023 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups:

South Padre Island Friday, February 3, 2023

8:30 am: Check-in opens 9:00 am to noon: Cleanup

Cleanup Site One: Edwin King Atwood County Park

Check-in: 27159 State Park Road 100 Cleanup Site Two: City Beach Access #11 Check-in: 27159 State Park Road 100

Coastal Bend Area

Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:30 am: Check-in opens 9:00 am to noon: Cleanup

Cleanup Site One: Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay - Nueces County

Check-in: Lighthouse Lakes Park: 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Hwy 361

Cleanup Site Two: Port Aransas - Nueces County

Check-in: Avenue G at the beach

Cleanup Site Three: Packery Flats - Nueces County

Check-in: Parking lot off of SH 361, on Mustang Island near Packery Channel

Cleanup Site Four: Padre Island National Seashore - Kleberg County

Check-in: Malaquite Visitor Center: 20420 Park Road 22 Cleanup Site Five: Cole Park (Kid's Place) - Nueces County

Check-in: 1526 Ocean Drive

The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 562,000 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up nearly 10,000 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

Texans who are not able to attend the cleanup can help keep our beaches clean by making a tax-deductible donation online at Adopt-A-Beach website. There are also several Adopt-A-Beach sponsorship levels ranging from \$30 to \$25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute to this major cleanup effort.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit <u>TexasAdoptABeach.org</u> and follow AAB on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.